

House Resolution No. 1183

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pleasure in recognizing those governmental employees who have brought honor to the Show-Me State through their professionalism and willingness to intervene in life-threatening situations; and

Whereas, Corrections Officer I Vaughn Morton of Jefferson City, Missouri, will be awarded the Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award during ceremonies to be held on March 25, 2005, at the Jefferson City Correctional Center; and

Whereas, on April 28, 2004, at the Missouri State Penitentiary, CO I Vaughn Morton was working in housing unit 2A when he responded to a call for assistance in another part of the unit; and

Whereas, upon arrival, Officer Morton observed an offender lying unconscious on the floor, at which time he checked for a pulse and breathing and found neither; and

Whereas, Officer Morton immediately started CPR and was quickly joined by Officers James Redden, Kenneth Taylor, Joseph Blevins, and Jack McKee; and

Whereas, as a team, the officers continued to utilize life-saving steps for approximately twenty-five minutes until an emergency medical services unit arrived; and

Whereas, Vaughn Morton's dedication to his profession, his ability to remain calm in a stressful situation, and his competence to react with sound judgement utilizing skills learned in Department training helped in this unsuccessful attempt to save the life of the offender; and

Whereas, Vaughn Morton has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Debbie; and five children, Adam, Justin, Amber, Ashley, and Alissa:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the training and practices of CO I Vaughn Morton and to congratulate him upon his well-deserved selection to receive the Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Corrections Officer Vaughn Morton, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Mark J. Bruns
District No. 113

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1183, adopted March 10, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker